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for Disabled Persons (1981)

Regional Technical Meeting and Regional Seminar

Santiago, Chile, 5-11 November 1980

REGIONAL SEMINAR

10 and 11 November 1980

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Statements by representatives of member States on the national situation of disabled persons.
4. Regional co-operation concerning the prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons:
 - (a) Major causes of disability in the region and joint action to counteract their effects;
 - (b) Measures of re-education and rehabilitation of disabled persons;
 - (c) Technical co-operation between countries of the region.
5. Long-term World Plan of Action.
6. Other matters relating to paragraph 14 of the Plan of Action.

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NOTES ON THE SEMINAR AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The purpose of the Regional Seminar is to examine the best methods of attaining the objectives of the Year and the principles of the declarations on the rights of disabled and mentally retarded persons. The Regional Seminar is also expected to make proposals regarding a draft long-term plan of action.

Each Government is invited to send representatives from the policy-making bodies concerned with the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons, such as Ministries of Welfare, Health, Social Security, Education, Labour, Planning and so forth.

In view of the agenda, it would be desirable for the experts attending the technical meeting to join delegations to the Seminar.

ITEM: Statements by representatives of member States on the national situation of disabled persons

The statements should be prepared in such a way as to provide the information sought by the questionnaire on the world situation of disabled persons submitted to member States by the Executive Secretariat of the Year.

ITEM: Regional co-operation concerning the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons

- (a) Major causes of disability in the region and joint action to counteract their effects.
- (b) Measures of re-education and rehabilitation of disabled persons.
- (c) Technical co-operation between countries of the region.

Through the discussion of this item, the Seminar can make an effective contribution to the preparation of the International Symposium which will primarily be concerned with technical co-operation among developing countries and technical assistance for disabled persons, particularly as regards research aimed at the fabrication of prototypes and the mass production of educational, medical and vocational equipment by using indigenous resources and expertise.

The Secretariat of the Year will prepare a working paper on the three sub-items.

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ITEM: Long-term World Plan of Action

In conformity with the invitation formulated by the General Assembly in Resolution 35/154 of 17 December 1979, the Secretary-General of the United Nations submitted a draft Long-Term Plan of Action for consultation with governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and non-governmental organizations. This will provide an opportunity for drawing up a response to those consultations from the standpoint of the Commission.

ITEM: Other matters relating to paragraph 14 of the Plan of Action

The contributions made at the technical level on this item may be examined and recommendations put forward concerning joint activities with other regional intergovernmental bodies.

